

Amendments to the Specification:

Please insert the following new paragraph at page 1, above line 5:

CROSS-REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS

This patent application claims the benefit of priority of German Patent Application No. 10237651.4, filed August 13, 2001, German Patent Application No. 10256431.0, filed December 2, 2001 and PCT/EP02/05970, filed May 31, 2001.

Please insert the following new paragraph(s) at page 5, after line 16, and before line 18:

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS

FIG. 1 illustrates gas chromatograms of n-paraffin/iso-paraffin (%) verses the number of carbon atoms for H 8 (FT paraffin) and HDI 8 (hydroisomerizate), respectively of Example 1.

FIG. 2 illustrates gas chromatograms of n-paraffin/iso-paraffin (%) verses the number of carbon atoms for FT70 (FT paraffin) and HDI 70A, respectively, of Example 2.

FIG. 3 illustrates gas chromatograms of n-paraffin/iso-paraffin (%) verses the number of carbon atoms for FT70 and HDI 70R, respectively, of Example 3.

Please replace the paragraph at page 17, line 27, through page 18, line 3, with the following amended paragraph:

The amount of water which can be taken up by the shaped bodies, which corresponds to the pore volume, is determined at room temperature (= 110% based on the mass of catalyst). A solution of 1.636 g of H_2PtCl_6 H_2PtCl_6 in 242 ml of water is sprayed onto 220 g of the shaped bodies while the bodies are kept in motion. After the solution has been allowed to act on the shaped bodies for 10 minutes, the shaped bodies are partly dried while being kept in motion until the major part of the liquid has been vaporized and the individual shaped bodies no longer stick to one another. The impregnated shaped bodies are then dried at 120°C in air in a drying oven. The dried shaped bodies are heated at 100°C/h to 450°C in a stream of dry air in a vertical oven and maintained at 450°C for one hour.